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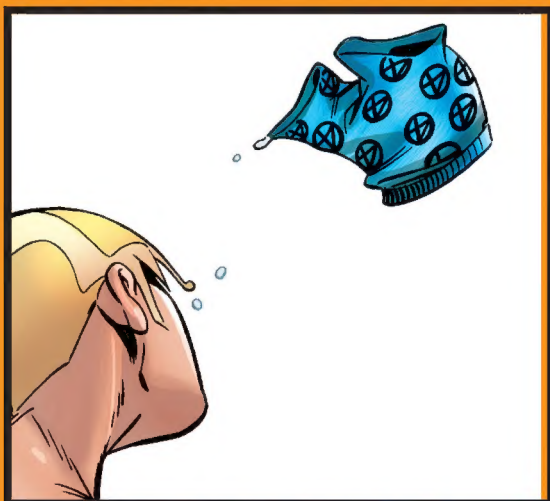
THE FANTASTIC FOUR

4 A team—and a family—of adventurers, explorers and imaginauts, the Fantastic Four lead lives both ordinary—and extraordinary. As of today:

3 The FF has made a number of public missteps lately, making them the butt of many a Daily Show joke and greatly eroding public confidence in New York's First Family.

2 Completely unfamiliar with the concepts of public scorn and waking up every morning feeling like a loser, Johnny went to an expert for advice: Spider-Man. Spidey didn't take it as a compliment.

1 In the middle of this "discussion" at a Jersey water park, their old foe Hydro-Man attacked, hitting Johnny hard enough to literally knock him out of his clothes. Johnny is now naked. And that's not even the punch line.



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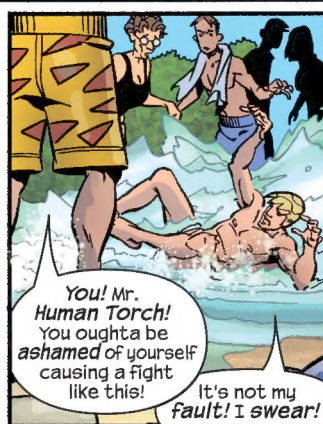
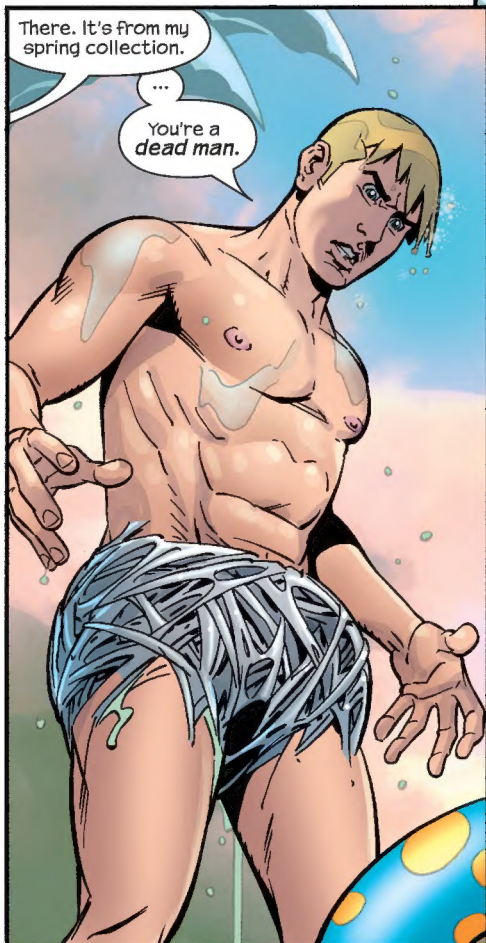
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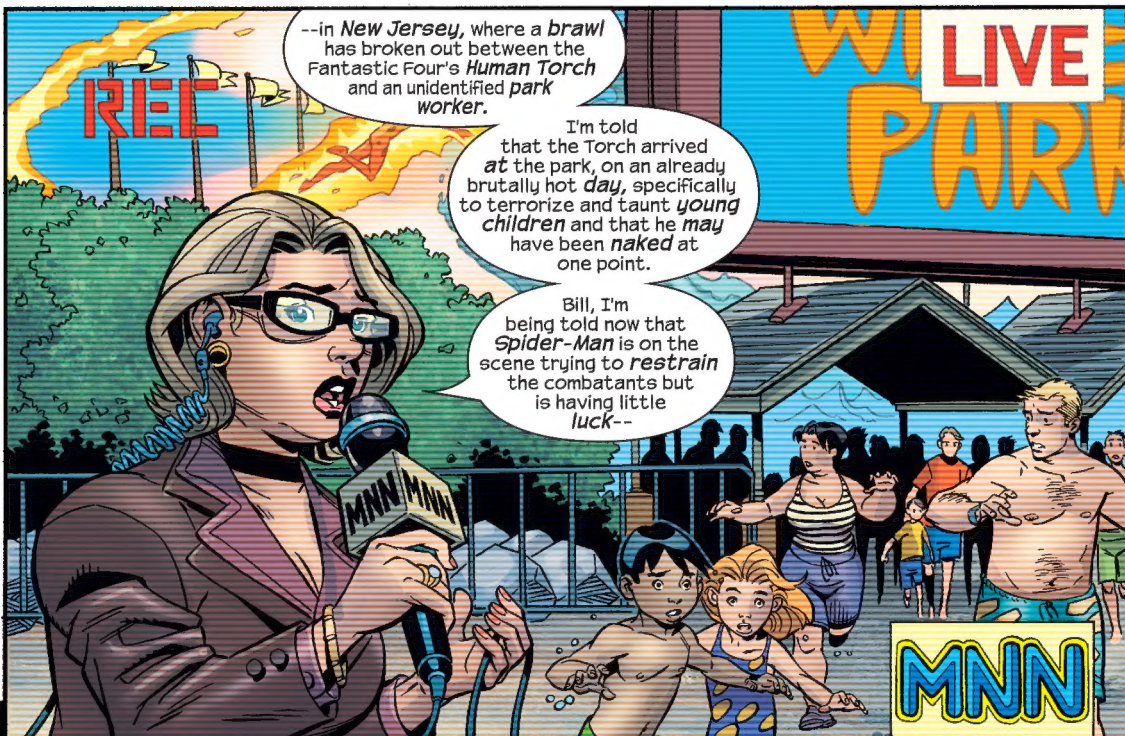
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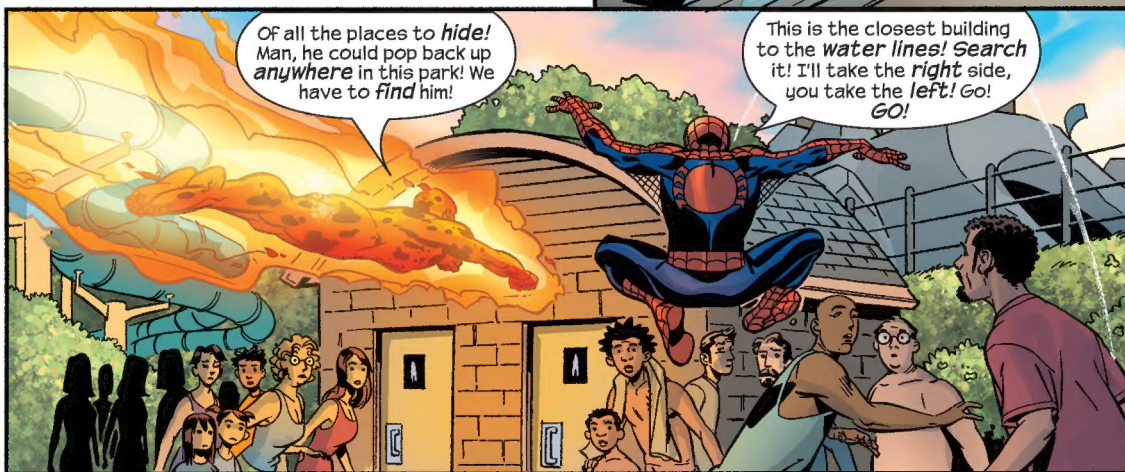
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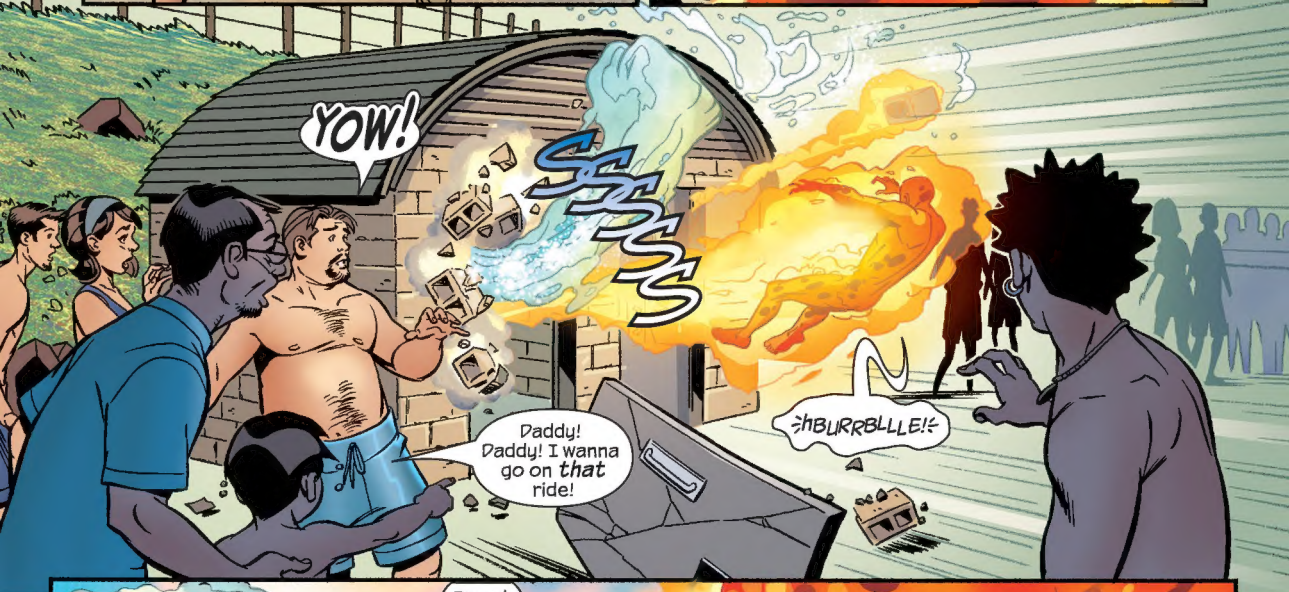
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Nuh-uh, bunkie.

SPIDEY-MAN!
YAY, SPIDEY-MAN!



Nor there.

Sadly for you, I restocked on web fluid just this morning. I could do this aaaaa day.



Don't get me wrong. I'm not *picking* on you.

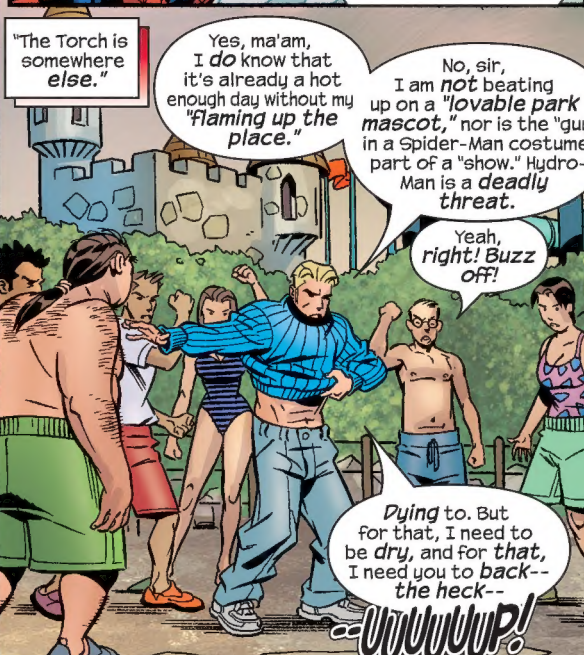
Heck, I'd be willing to let bygones be *bygones* if not for that whole pesky "threaten the crowd with *mayhem*" fit you're pitching, but...

Hey. Wait a minute.



What?

This is suddenly going *all too well*. That can only mean *one thing*:



"The Torch is somewhere else."

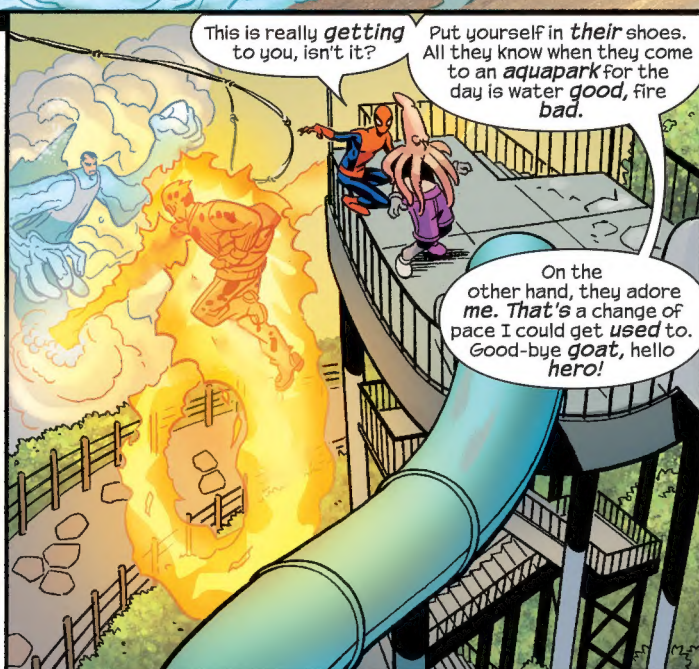
Yes, ma'am, I *do* know that it's already a hot enough day without my "flaming up the place."

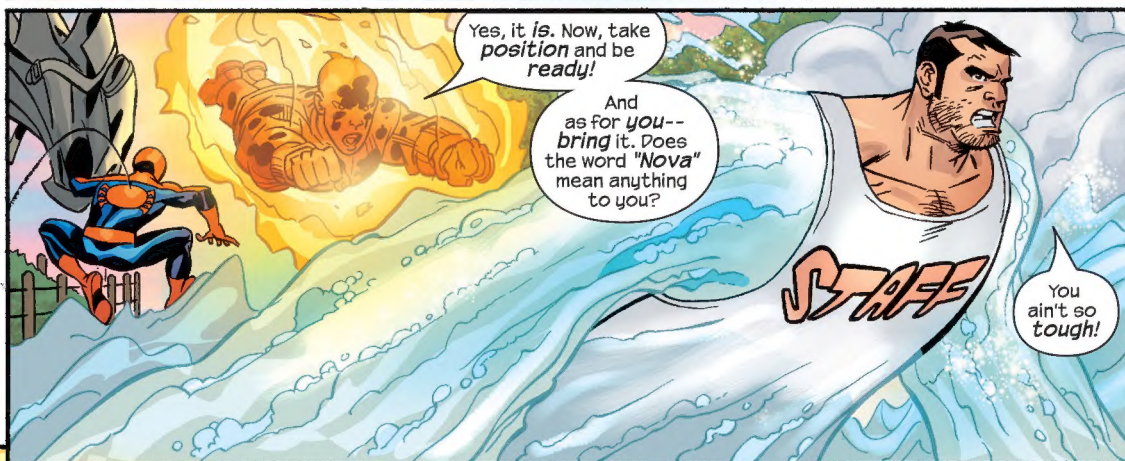
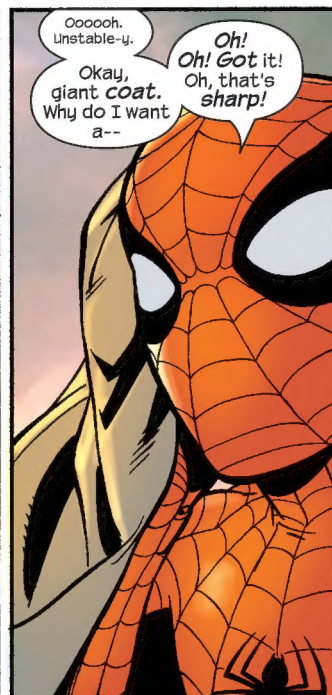
No, sir, I am *not* beating up on a "lovable park mascot," nor is the "guy in a Spider-Man costume" part of a "show." Hydro-Man is a *deadly threat*.

Yeah, right! Buzz off!

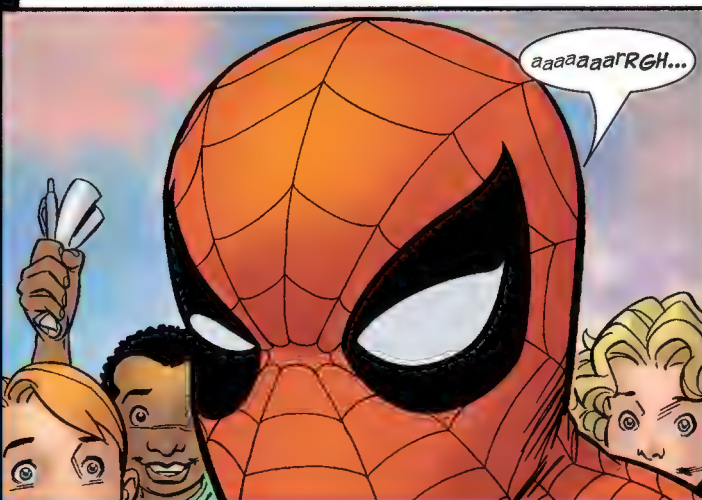
Dying to. But for that, I need to be *dry*, and for that, I need you to *back-- the heck--*

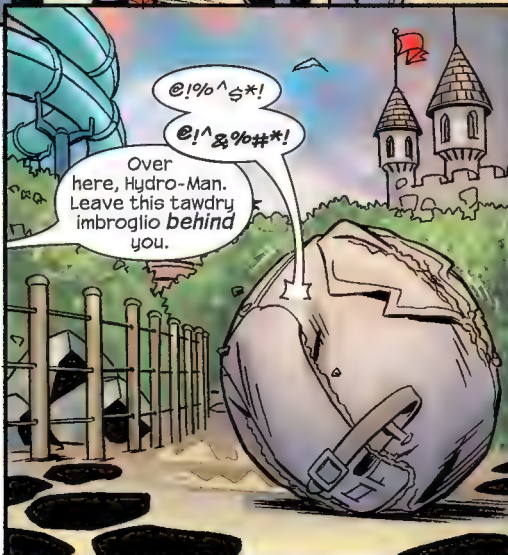
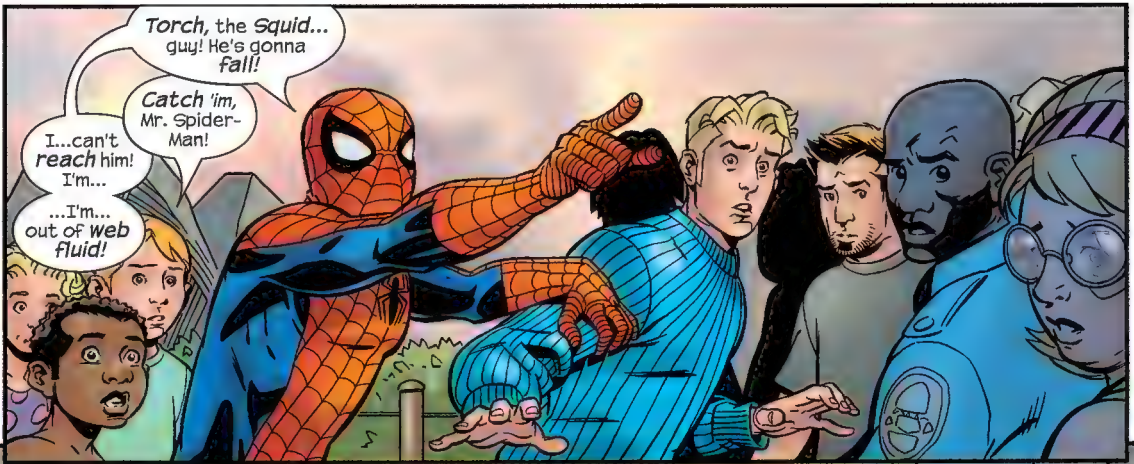
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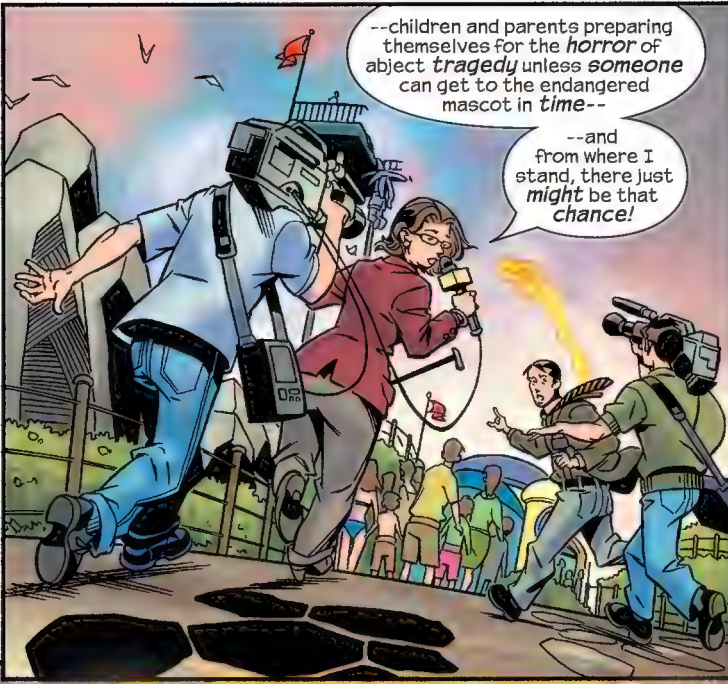












--children and parents preparing themselves for the *horror* of object *tragedy* unless *someone* can get to the endangered mascot in *time*--

--and from where I stand, there just might be that *chance*!

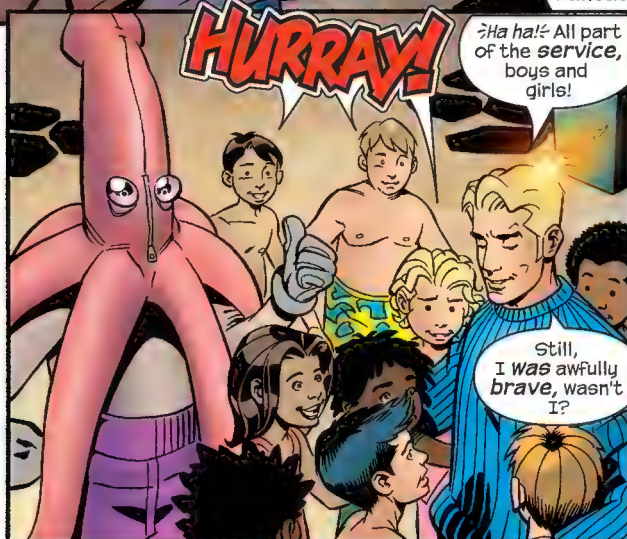


Relax,
Squiddy
McSquid!
Enjoy the
view!



He did it!
He saved
Squiddy!

You said
it, kids! Let's hear it
for **Johnny Storm** of the
Fantastic Four! Hip, hip--

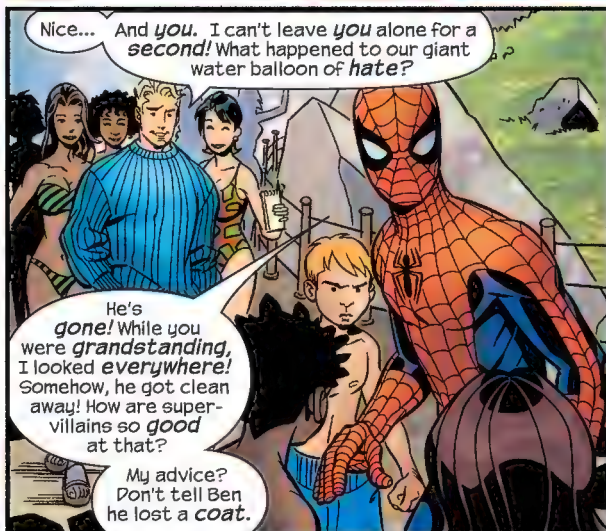


~Ha ha!~ All part
of the **service**,
boys and
girls!

Still,
I was awfully
brave, wasn't
I?



You were
much **mistaken**.
Small **costume**,
appreciative chick
in **costume**. I have
a **number** if you
have a **pen**, hot
stuff...



Nice... And **you**. I can't leave **you** alone for a
second! What happened to our giant
water balloon of **hate**?

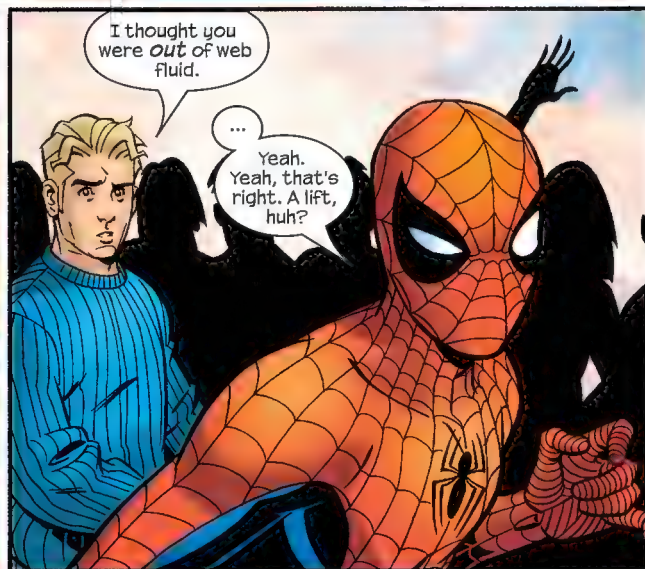
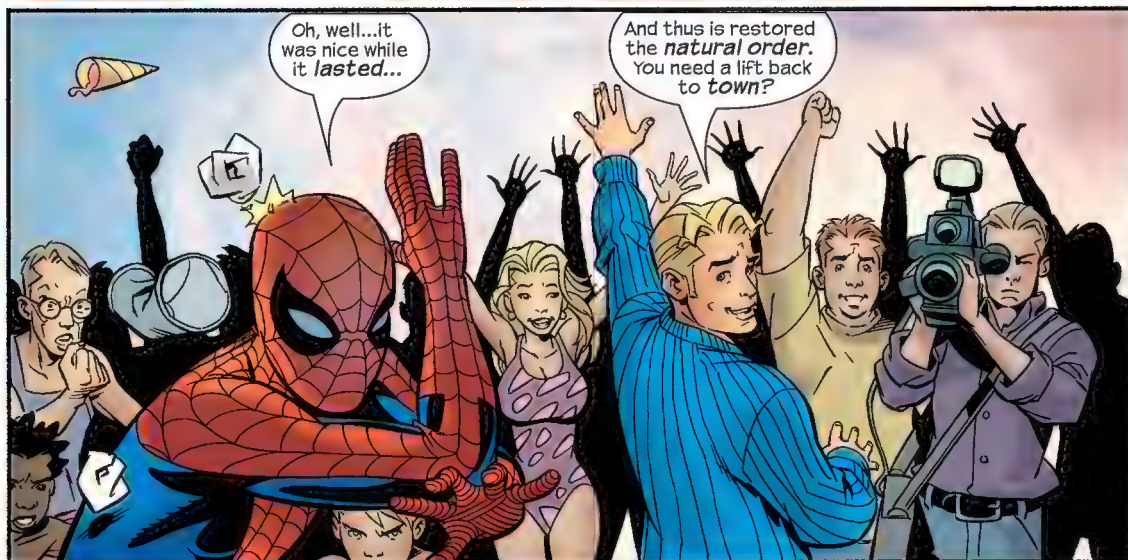
He's
gone! While you
were **grandstanding**,
I looked **everywhere**!
Somehow, he got clean
away! How are super-
villains so **good**
at that?

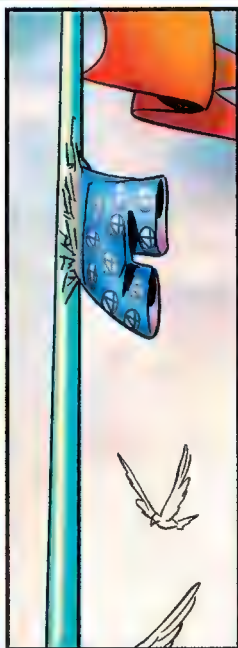
My advice?
Don't tell Ben
he lost a **coat**.



Hadn't
planned
on it.

You
stink, Spider-
Man!





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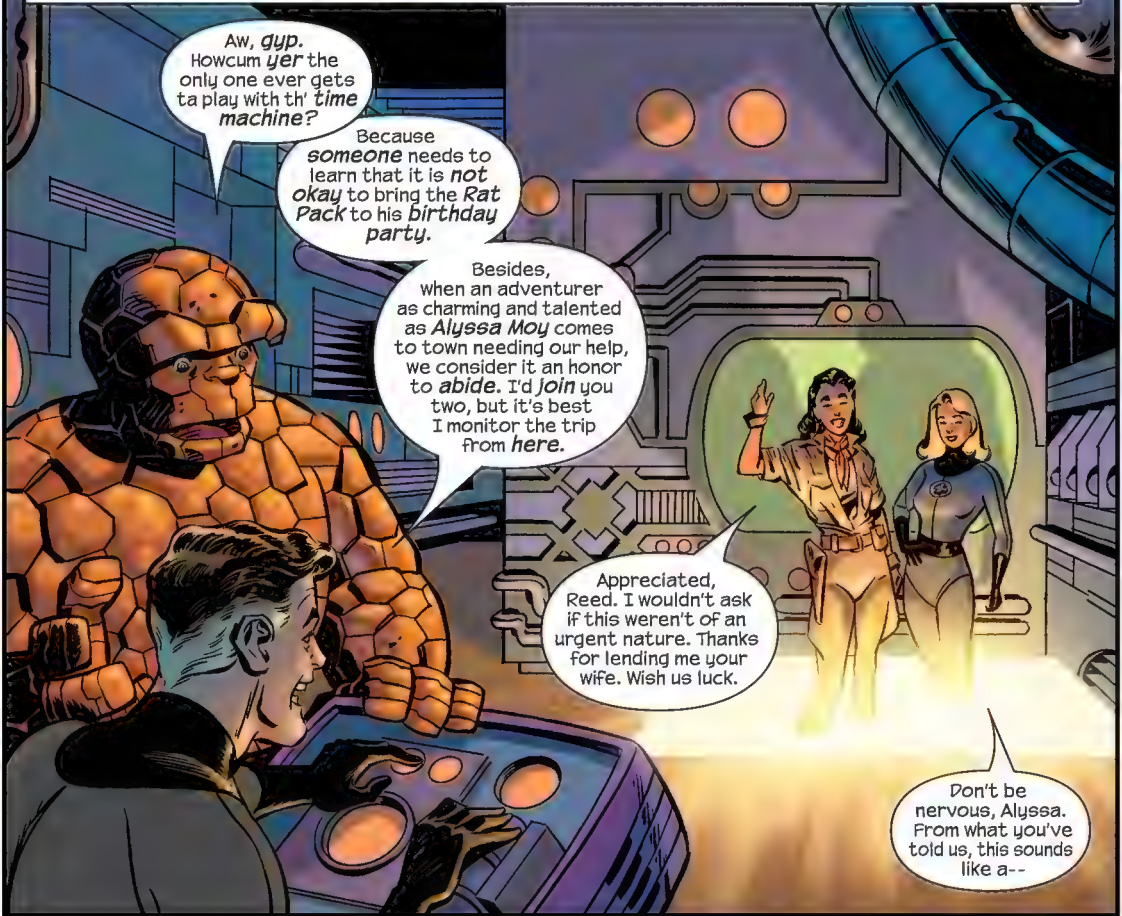
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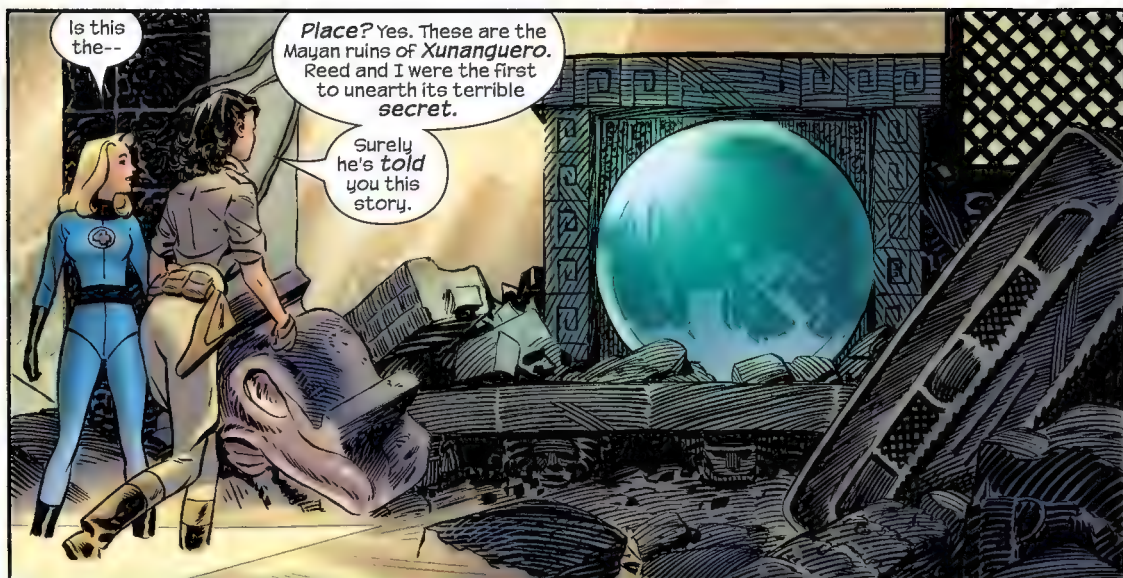
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That flare of energy--

--is a transdimensional matrix resonator.

I'm sorry. Let me put that in *layman's* terms...

I get it.

AAAAAAHOO!

...aaaaaand we're free!

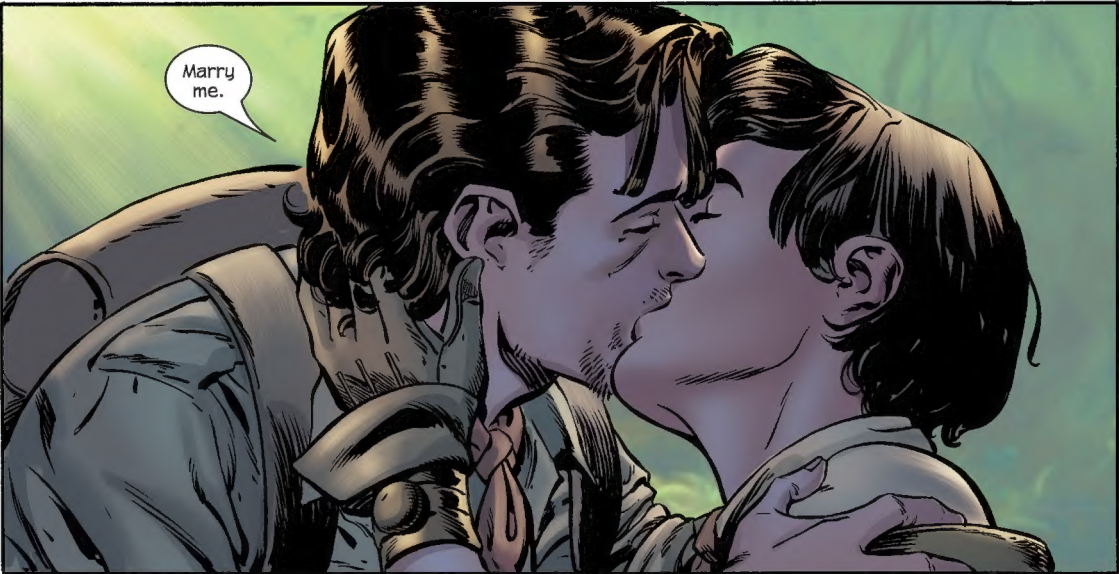
HA! And they said *no one* could unlock the maw of Xunanguero, Ms. Moy!

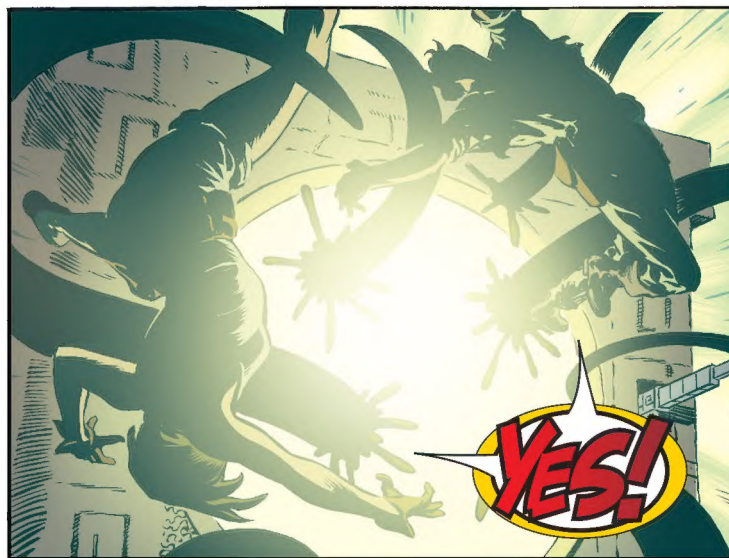
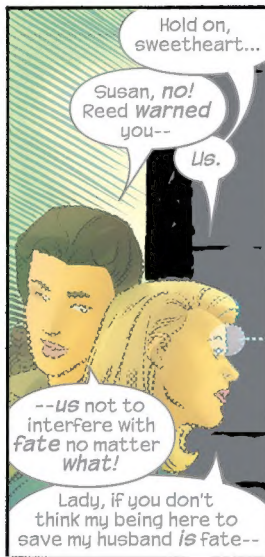
No one's been smart enough to find the *key* until now, Mr. Richards!

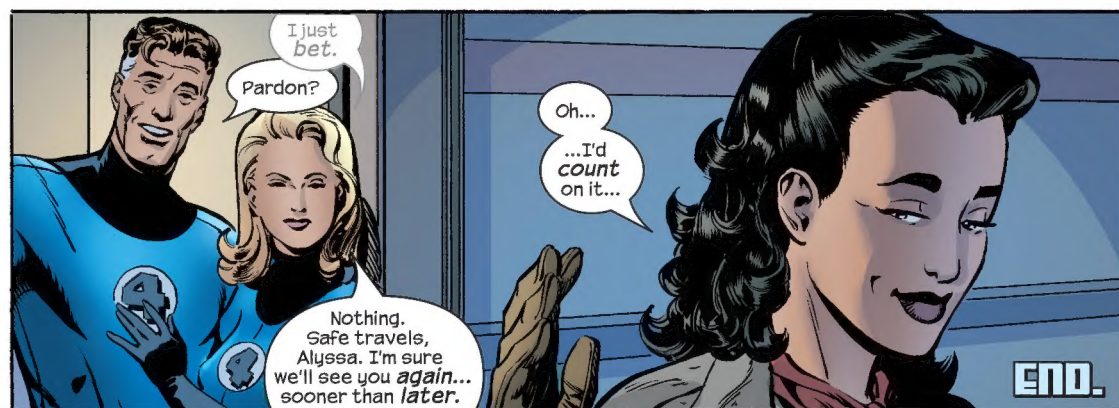
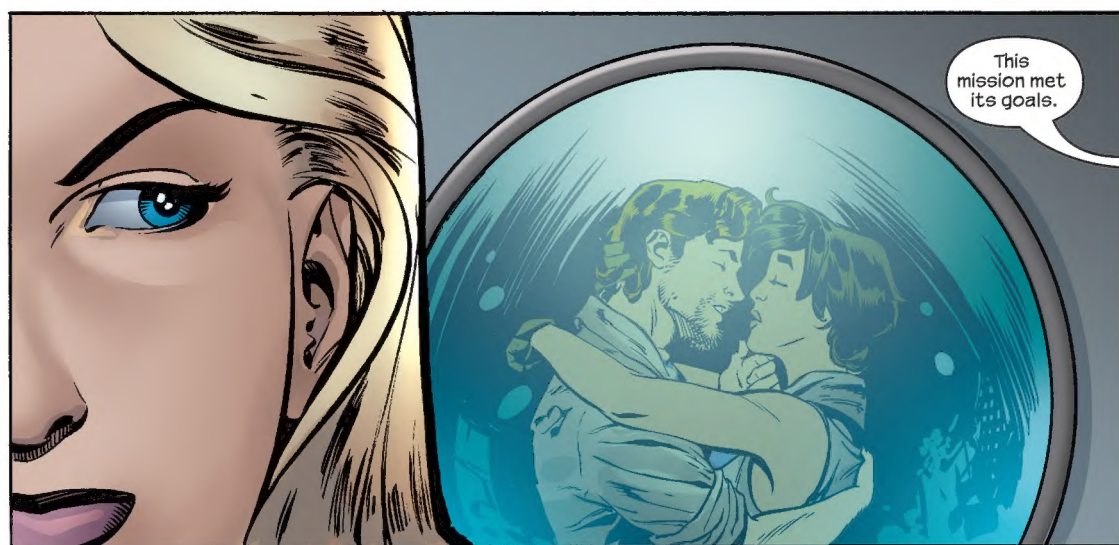
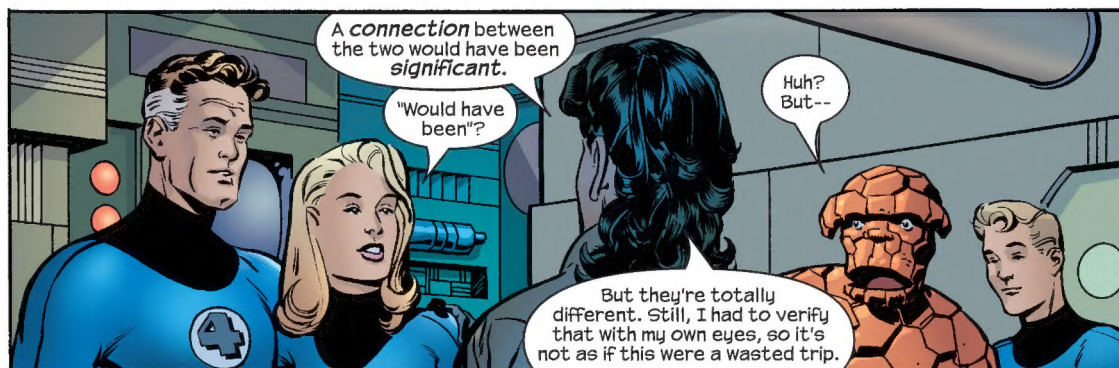
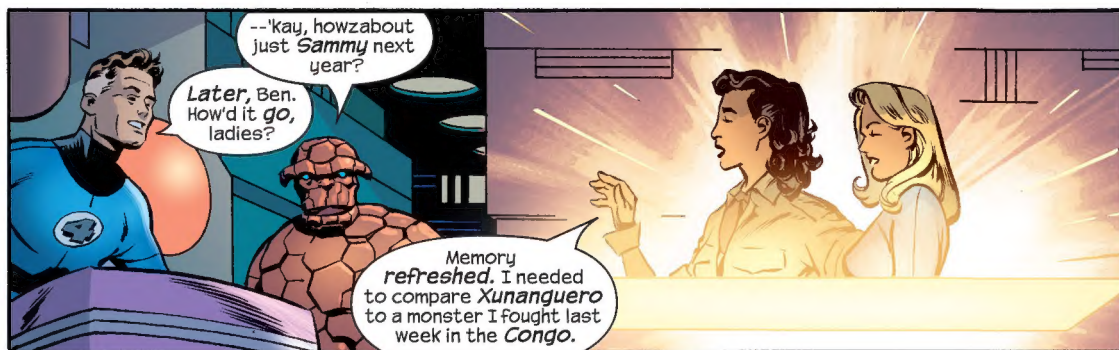
Susan? You shouldn't see this part.

Reed says it was never that big a de--

Oh, please, Alyssa. So you crushed on my husband when you were much, *muuuch* younger.







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